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Judge Peter C. Deddeh Set to Lead San Diego Superior Court *New Presiding Judge Takes Over on January 1st*

Judge Peter C. Deddeh will become Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on January 1st, 2018. The 20-year veteran of the Court was elected to the top judicial leadership position by his fellow jurists to the two-year term in November. He succeeds the current Presiding Judge Jeffrey B. Barton who finishes his term of office on December 31st.

“It is a great honor to lead the San Diego Superior Court for the next two years, through this time of significant challenges and substantial changes. The San Diego Superior Court has a long and storied tradition of delivering fair, open, accessible and timely justice to our community. Although deep budget cuts have resulted in noticeable service reductions, our staff and judicial officers will continue to provide justice for all of our citizens. In furthering our goal of providing accessible justice, we proudly opened the new Central Courthouse this week. This 22 story, 71 courtroom marvel consolidates departments from three different courthouses into one convenient location,” says Judge Deddeh.

Judge Deddeh will be the first Presiding Judge to oversee the operations in the new Central Courthouse, located at 1100 Union Street as he also leads the entire San Diego Superior Court system with its more than 150 judicial officers and 1,200 employees. He will be supported

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in his efforts by an Executive Committee of Superior Court judges as well as the Court's executive officer and the Court's management team.

Judge Deddeh was appointed in 1998 and has served in a variety of leadership roles, including serving as the Supervising Judge in Central Criminal and East County. In addition, he has been instrumental in communicating court needs and budget constraints to the State Legislature. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Deddeh worked as a prosecutor for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. A graduate of UC Santa Barbara, Judge Deddeh holds a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law.

San Diego Judicial Officers have chosen Judge Lorna A. Alksne to serve alongside Judge Deddeh as Assistant Presiding Judge.

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